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FARM MACHINERY PLANTS PRODUCE NEW EQUIPMENT.
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TASHKENT PLANT MAKES NEW FARM MACHINERY -- Pravda, No 77, 18 Mar 49

Mass production of the PEM cultivator (polol'shchik-rykhritel') has begun in the Plant imeni Frunze in Tashkent. The machines, of which 110 have been produced so far, will be used in forest conservation stations. The plant is also producing KPM furrow-plough cultivators (kul'tivator propashnoy) and "KM" mechanized cultivators.

ODESSA PLANT MAKES PLOWS -- Izvestiya, No 79, 5 Apr 49

The first group of tractor plows have come off the conveyers of the Agricultural Machine-Building Plant imeni Otktyabr'skaya Revolyutsiya. The Odessa plant was supposed to have produced these plows in the second quarter, but was able to do this ahead of schedule. All plows will be sent to MTBs in the southern oblasts.

KAZAL' PLANT PRODUCES DIESEL ENGINE -- Izvestiya, No 74, 30 Mar 49

The Kazan' Machine Shop of the Ministry of Agriculture USSR has produced its first Diesel Engine. The 45-horsepower engine will be sent to an MTS along with a 35-kilowatt generator and a control panel. The equipment will be used to electrify the production processes of the MTS and will provide electric light for buildings. The plant is switching to mass production of Diesel engines.

MECHANIZATION PROGRESSES IN KHARCOV PLANT -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 67, 22 Mar 49

The "Serp i Molot" Plant in Kharkov recently put into operation 400 stamps, and mechanized the manufacture of 61 parts. The rod (sterzhnevoy) and sand-drying departments have been completely mechanized, and spot welding and electric rivet welding have been introduced. The plant now has 16 special and multipurpose metal-cutting machines, and 20 machines have been changed over to high-speed cutting.

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Workers of the plant have pledged to lower the labor output in the manufacture of threshing machines by 33 percent, put into operation 300 new stamps, 200 pieces of equipment, and 80 models including 15 multiseat ones; organize 10 assembly lines, change over 30 more machines to high-speed cutting; change over 20 threshing machine assemblies to spot and electric rivet welding; put into operation 12 more special and multipurpose machines; mechanize the manufacture of 20 items by pneumatic molding machines; decrease the weight of metal in a threshing machine by 200 kilograms; and train 1,240 workers in new specialties.

"SIBSEL'MASH" INITIATES PRE-MAY COMPETITION -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 44, 5 Mar 49

Workers of "Sibsel'mash" (Siberian Agricultural Machinery) Plant have initiated a pre-May competition in Novosibirsk Oblast in which they have pledged to:

Complete the 4-month plan ahead of schedule and increase the output of agricultural machinery and spare parts 60 percent over the corresponding period of 1948;

Increase labor productivity by 13 percent over 1948;

Shorten the production cycle by 5 days on the average for all types of goods;

Put into operation a series of conveyers and transporters; convert 50 machine tools to high-speed methods;

Decrease consumption of basic and auxiliary materials by 7 percent;

Complete the 4-month plan of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee VEP(b) for production of spare parts for agricultural machinery by 1 April; and

Complete and put to use 700 square meters of new housing.

COMBINE-BUILDING PLANT STEPS UP PRODUCTION -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 81, 7 Apr 49

A pre-May competition has been spread among Zaporozh'ye enterprises on the initiative of the "Kommunar" Combine-Building Plant.

Workers at the "Kommunar" Plant have pledged to fulfill the April plan 125 percent to curtail manual labor, and to save 100,000 rubles by efficiency measures.

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